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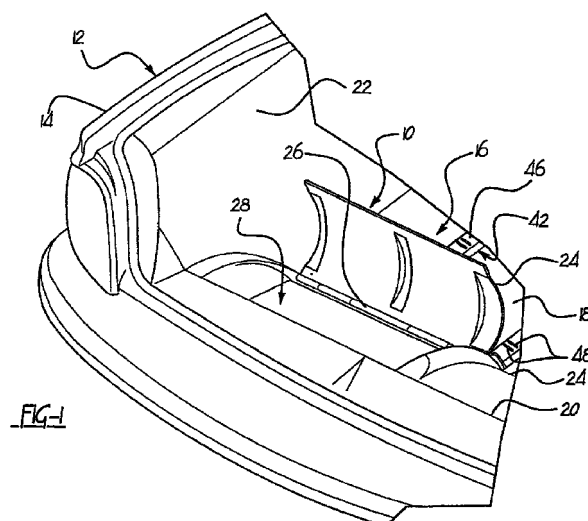
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(54) **Vehicle Storage System**

(57) A storage system (10) for a vehicle cargo compartment (16) which includes a cover (24) attached to the floor (18) of the cargo compartment (16) at a location spaced from an upright wall (20) of the cargo compartment (16). The cover (24) extends from the floor (18) to the upright wall (20) at a location above the floor (18) thereby enclosing a storage space defined by the floor (18), upright wall (20) and the cover (24). The cover (24) is attached to the floor (18) by a pivot mechanism enabling the cover (24) to rotate between open and closed positions. The cover (24) can be removably attached to the floor (18) so that it can be removed from the floor (18) to merge the storage space with the remaining space of the cargo compartment (16), if necessary. The cover (24) is preferably made of a translucent or transparent material whereby items placed within the storage space can be seen.



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